



To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: February 21th / 2011
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (January / 2011)

- Our American LaFrance pumper has arrived; it is being equipped and trained on for service deployment in early March. Our Mini Pumper is in the pre-construction phase.
- Storage area for the surplus apparatus and old Jeep has been arranged starting March 1st / 2011
- Congratulations to Fire Inspector Travis Guedes and Firefighter Doug Ponsford who were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant within the SSIFR.
- The SSIFR now consist of 61 members broken down as follows;
 - ❖ 40 Paid- on call (Volunteers) Firefighters / Pump Operators / Support
 - ❖ 8 Recruits
 - ❖ 7 Paid Career Staff
 - ❖ 5 Radio Operators, Paid – on call (Volunteers)
 - ❖ 1 Office Administrative Assistant
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In **January** the SSIFR responded to **42 calls for assistance**.

Response types were:

First Responder	15
Hydro	3
Alarms	10
Complaints	7
Chimney Fires	2
Public Assists	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	2
Misc	2



➤ **Fire Inspection Division report:**

Commercial Inspections	40
Commercial Re-inspections	6
Responses to Emergencies	15
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	8
Subdivision Reviews	4
Fire Extinguisher Training	2 Sessions (16- Adults)
Paperwork	Endless

- The Inspection / Prevention Division were busy with a number of internal and external projects, revamping of forms and inter-divisional upgrades.
- Prevention news includes the ongoing initiation of a “Battery Smoke Alarm Program” with resources provided from the Salt Spring Rotary Club. The aim of the program is to provide battery smoke alarms and public education of the importance of having smoke alarms in the home, with the resounding message “Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. As of 2010, it is now the law in BC that every home have a working smoke alarm on every level, and this program will give every Salt Spring Island resident an opportunity to keep their family safe. Special thanks to the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club for initiating the provision of resources for this program, with their generous donation of \$2100.00
- The SSIFR remains focused on the Superior Water Shuttle project and aims to conduct this test in early April once the details are worked out.
- Office workspace renovations at Hall #1 are near completion.
- “Public Notice” of the Trustees upcoming election is posted in the main office area at Hall #1 and the Driftwood, with nomination forms available at the office from March 1st closing on March 11th / 2011. Further information is noted on the “Public Notice at Hall #1.
- Burning permits are no longer required with the exception of Category 3 Machine piles which do need an inspection and permit before being authorized.